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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Sir:

IN THE CLAIMS

8. (Amended) A method for detecting the presence of polynucleotide sequences encoding at least a portion of human telomerase in a biological sample, comprising the steps of:

i) a biological sample suspected of containing nucleic acid  
[corresponding to the polynucleotide sequence of SEQ ID NO:100] encoding a human telomerase polypeptide;

identical or complementary to the nucleotide sequence of SEQ ID NO:100, or a fragment thereof;